

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for preserving original formatting characters in a text file that is edited in a software development environment, the system comprising:

a software development environment editor, the editor comprising software that inputs an original text file having original formatting characters and produces a first modified text file, the first modified text file having automatic formatting character modifications made by the editor, the editor accepting user changes to the first modified text file to produce a second modified text file having the automatic formatting character modifications and the user edits;

a source code preservation module that receives ~~an~~ the original text file ~~with an~~ original formatting, compares a the first modified text file with a the second modified text file to find a modified block of text and applies the modified block of text to the original text file to generate a final file with the original formatting characters, whereby the source code preservation module preserves the original formatting characters in the final file.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the final file comprises source code.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the final file comprises HTML.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a design mode module.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the design mode module displays the original text file as rendered by a browser.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a source mode module.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the source mode module comprises a source code text editor.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving formatting of an original file comprising:

receiving an unmodified file, the unmodified file associated with a first character formatting, the first character formatting having the formatting of the original file; ~~format;~~

receiving a modified file, the modified file associated with a second character formatting, the modified file having character formatting modifications made automatically by a software development system editor; ~~format;~~

comparing the unmodified file and the modified file to determine at least one modification; and

applying the at least one modification to the unmodified file to generate a final file having the first character formatting, wherein the formatting of the original file is preserved in the final file. ~~format.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the unmodified file is an HTML file.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the modified file is an HTML file.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the final file is an HTML file.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the unmodified file comprises the output of a source code text editor.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the modified file comprises the output of a design mode module.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the unmodified file and the modified file to determine at least one modification comprises:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file;

in response to determining that a block in the modified file has no corresponding block in the unmodified file, inserting the block in the final file.

15. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the unmodified file and the modified file to determine at least one modification comprises:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file:

in response to determining a first unique block and a second unique block in the modified file are adjacent and the corresponding first unique block and corresponding second unique block in the unmodified file are not adjacent, moving the second unique block to a position adjacent to the corresponding first unique block in the final file.

16. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the unmodified file and the modified file to determine at least one modification comprises:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file;

in response to determining that a block in the unmodified file has no corresponding block in the modified file, deleting the block in the final file

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions for preserving character formatting of an original HTML file, the computer-readable instructions directing a computer to perform a method comprising:

~~comparing a first HTML file and a second HTML file to determine changes made to the second HTML file from the first HTML file; and~~

~~receiving an unmodified HTML file, the unmodified HTML file associated with a first character formatting, the first character formatting having the formatting of the original HTML file; format;~~

~~receiving a modified HTML file, the modified HTML file associated with a second character formatting, the modified HTML file having character formatting modifications made automatically by a software development editor; format;~~

~~comparing the unmodified HTML file and the modified HTML file to determine at least one modification; and~~

~~applying the at least one modification to the unmodified HTML file to generate a final HTML file having the first character formatting, wherein the formatting of the original file is preserved in the final file. format.~~

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file;

in response to determining that a block in the modified file has no corresponding block in the unmodified file, inserting the block in the final file.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file:

in response to determining a first unique block and a second unique block in the modified file are adjacent and the corresponding first unique block and corresponding second unique block in the unmodified file are not adjacent, moving the second unique block to a position adjacent to the corresponding first unique block in the final file.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the unmodified file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the unmodified file to the modified file;

in response to determining that a block in the unmodified file has no corresponding block in the modified file, deleting the block in the final file.